omer No. 26308 Docket No. 9261.16756-CIP IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Aboul-Hosn et al. flication of: Serial No .: 09/440,462 Filed: 15 November 1999 Pulmonary and Circulatory Blood Flow Support Devices and Methods for Heart Surgery For: **Procedures** Mail Stop RCE **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: J. Blance

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

(Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant NOTE: application filed prior to June 8, 1995.)

## **SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114:** 1. A. **Previously submitted** [ ] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [] Other [ ] B. **Enclosed** [x] Amendment/Reply [x] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) [x] Other [ ] 2. **MISCELLANEOUS** Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR [-] §1.103(c) for a period of months B. [ ] Other

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed as follows: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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3.	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply					
				(complete (a) or (b) as applica	able)	
	(a) [x] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:					
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If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.						
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	[ ] An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid the of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.					
Extension fee due with this request: \$						
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	(b)	(b) [ ] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this condition petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadverter overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.				

**FEES** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 wh n the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any A. [x] overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2360 RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) [x] Extension of Time Fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) [x] [x] Other - Information Disclosure Statement RCE Fee B. [x] \$750.00 (large entity) [ ] \$375.00 (small entity) [x] Extension Fee: 465.00 C. [x] TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$1,020.00 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNÉY Patricia A. Limbach Reg. No. 50,295 (type or print name of attorney)

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